

GUIDE TO THE OI17 MURNGIN FILE

[This file covers the group of tribes in northeast Arnhem Land, collectively called "Murngin" by Warner. It includes in addition to the Murngin proper, the Barlamomo, Yaernungo, Djinja, Ritango, Dai, Kandjinung, and Bureara. Berndt has suggested the term "Wulamba" as being more appropriate for this group of tribes.]

The Murngin file consists of fifteen sources, all of them in English. The major general source is 1: Warner, which is supplemented in many ways by 15: Chaseling. Five sources dealing with religion and social organization by the Berndts are included. Native art is covered by 3: Mountford. Articles by Webb, Elkin, and Thomson are included. A great deal of controversy has arisen in regard to the marriage patterns and kinship structure of the Murngin. In general, only material resulting from field work among the Murngin has been processed.

This file in general presents a well rounded and reasonable complete picture of the culture of the Murngin tribes. The file was processed between 1960 and 1964.]